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In re Application of: Maini et al.

Serial No.: 09/473,323

Filing Date: 28 December 1999

Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: LAGMAN, F.

For: **TAUT MOORING SYSTEM FOR JACK-UP TYPE  
MOBILE OFFSHORE PLATFORM**

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to an Office Action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the of the period set for reply in the Office Action plus an extension of time actually obtained.

APPLICANTS HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.  
Applicants filed an Amendment and Response to the 27 March 2001 Office Action with a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 with the required fee on 27 September 2001. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) was mailed on 24 October 2001 setting

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a time period of one month to reply with extensions of time granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Pursuant to MPEP 714.03 and 37 CFR 1.135(c) and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) it appears proper for an additional period of time beyond the original statutory period set for response to the 27 March 2001 Office Action to be instituted.. Examiner Lagman has informed Applicants' representative that he intends to abandon this Application as of the expiration date of the statutory period for response to the 27 March 2001 Office Action. Applicants have not received a Notice of Abandonment. Applicants petition for revival so as to proceed with prosecution of this Application in as expedient a manner as possible.

Enclosed herewith:

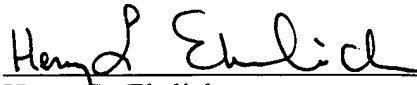
1. A check in the amount of \$640.00 for the Petition Fee (1.17(M)); and
2. A Response and Amendment to the Office Action dated 27 March 2001.

It is believed that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deposit any overpayment or charge any other fees which may be required by this paper, to Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C. Deposit Account No. 23-2426 (designate 21964-P002US).

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,  
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